

REMARKS

The specification at page 1 has been amended to correct grammatical errors. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,346,300 to Reupping for reasons of record.

Claims 1-4, 8 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,169,902 to Yagi et al, as evidenced by JP 59-28310 (JP '310) or JP 53-125491 (JP '491).

Applicants are presently preparing a response to the outstanding rejection, and expect to file the response soon. A request for Suspension of Action and RCE is concurrently filed herewith.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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